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Notice of Non-responsive amendment.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election of group II, claims 16-17 drawn to a fiber assembly is acknowledged.
2. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed March 26, 2007 are acknowledged.
3. Examiner acknowledges amended claims 3-17.
4. Examiner acknowledges cancelled claims 1-2 and 18-20.
5. The reply filed on March 26, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The original restriction dated December 6, 2007 included:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of manufacturing a fiber assembly.
- II. Claims 16-17 drawn to a fiber assembly.
- III. Claims 18-20 drawn to a fiber composite.


Applicant has elected group II, claims 16-17, drawn to a fiber assembly. Additionally, applicant has elected species O. As amended, applicant has not elected amended claims in accordance with elected species O. Applicant submits that claims 3-17 are readable on species O. The elected/amended claims include all species. The election is improper. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is 571-273-8300.

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